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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5449

File No. 354

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE AND HORSES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) For purposes of this  
4 section, "traveling exhibition" means a display, including, but not  
5 limited to, an exhibit, act, circus, public show, trade show,  
6 photographic opportunity, carnival, parade, petting zoo or zoo, that  
7 has no permanent legal residence or sites in this state or remains  
8 continuously at one location within this state for a period of less than  
9 sixty days.

10 (b) There is established an elephant inspection account, which shall  
11 be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund and which  
12 shall be financed by fees pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

13       (c) Not later than thirty days prior to entering the state, a person  
14 bringing an elephant into the state as part of a traveling exhibition  
15 shall notify the Commissioner of Agriculture by filing an itinerary for  
16 the traveling exhibition, accompanied by a fee of seventy-five dollars.  
17 Such person shall provide a copy of such itinerary to each municipality  
18 that will host the traveling exhibition. Such person shall notify the  
19 commissioner if there are necessary updates to such itinerary. Any  
20 person who fails to file or update an itinerary shall be fined not more  
21 than one thousand dollars.

22       (d) A state animal control officer or a veterinarian employed by the  
23 state, at the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture, may, at a  
24 reasonable time, enter an area where an elephant is kept with a  
25 traveling exhibition and inspect for compliance with this section. A  
26 person employed by the traveling exhibition who is responsible for the  
27 care of the elephant shall assist the person performing the inspection  
28 pursuant to this section as needed.

29       (e) Nothing in this section shall preclude an action pursuant to  
30 section 53-247 of the general statutes."